Shooting hit in resolution by Congress

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Congress unanimously adopted a resolution Tuesday deploring the attempted assassination of Gov. George C. Wallace.

"This violence is deeply deplored and condemned by all Americans," the resolution said. It also extended "best wishes and prayers of all citizens" to Wallace and his family.

The resolution, adopted by voice vote in the Senate, was passed without debate in the House and sent to President Nixon for his signature.

SEN. JAMES B. Allen, (D-Ala), who co-sponsored the resolution with Sen. John Sparkman (D-Ala.) said the "senseless shooting" indicates "there is something wrong with the democratic processs."

The resolution was part of a nationwide wave of shock, outrage and dismay expressed by leaders across the political spectrum.

Senators George McGovern and Hubert H. Humphrey, the leading contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination that Wallace is seeking, canceled scheduled campaign appearances.

President Nixon called Mrs. Wallace at her husband's bedside to offer his hope and prayers for the wounded candidate's recovery.

MR. NIXON called the shooting, "Senseless and tragic."

McGovern said, "We can only hope and pray for the speedy recovery of Gov. Wallace and we can only say a prayer for our country."

"If we've gotten to the point in this country where a public figure can't speak out on the issues of the day and seek the Presidency without being shot, then I tremble for the future of our nation," he said.

Humphrey, who was campaigning in Maryland when he learned of the shooting, rushed to the hospital and spent more than an hour with Wallace's wife while the governor was in surgery.

"Any act of violence adds to the tension in this country. What we need more than anything is a spirit of reconciliation," said Humphrey, who called the shooting a "sad and tragic act."

SEN. EDWARD M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), brother of John and Robert, said: "My heart and prayers go out to Gov. Wallace and to members of his grief-stricken family. Once again, democracy in America has been scarred by senseless and unforgiveable violence."

Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-(N.Y.), a political rival to Wallace as a candidate for the presidential nomination and, as a black, a bitter opponent of his segregationist views, expressed the general reaction fro[illegible] political and racial poles[illegible]

"We're becoming very animalistic when our differences have to be settled by a gun and not by reason," she said. "No matter if we do have differing political viewpoints, this is not the answer."

Treasury Sec. John B. Connally, who was wounded when President John F. Kennedy was killed in 1963, said: "It's just so tragic that things like this happen in this country. It makes you want to weep."

MAJORITY Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) told the Senate he was horror-struck by what he called the dastardly attack on Wallace.

He said "it indicates a sickness of some kind in our democracy. I don't know what the answer is."

SEN. ROBERT P. Griffin (R-Mich.) the minority whip said it was not proper to "jump to the conclusion that society is sick "because of the act "of a few mentally deranged people."

But Griffin said the shooting "tends to demean our political process and degrade our society."

THE REV. RALPH David Abernathy, chairman of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, described the shooting as a "tragic experience."

"My heart is heavy," Mr. Abernathy said at an appearance in Seattle.

"All of us as citizens of this country are sick with the cancerous disease of racism that has led us to madness."

Mr. Abernathy blamed the attempt on Wallace's life on the "militarism and violence our nation is involved in" in Vietnam and at home.

"Unless you and I stop that violence," Mr. Abernathy said, "your bullet is not far away and mine is near at hand."

IMPERIAL Wizard Robert M. Shelton of the Ku Klux Klan said that anti-Wallace politicans must share the blame for the assassination attempt.

"I can truthfully say the anti-Wallace forces in Alabama can be accredited with as much of the psychological blame as anybody else," Shelton said.

"I just hope that some of these mealy-mouthed politicans in Alabama will get off their hind ends and their do-nothing attitudes and join with true Alabamians in the true fight," he said.

Mrs. Cornelia Wallace, wife of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace, reports on his condition during a telecast Monday night from Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Springs, Md.